

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

DONALD PARKELL,	:	
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Plaintiff,	:	
	:	
v.	:	C.A. No. 14-446-LPS
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CHRISTOPHER SENATO, <i>et al.</i> ,	:	
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Defendants.	:	
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INTERIM STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court's Scheduling Order dated February 14, 2018 (D.I. 81), the parties jointly submit this Interim Status Report.

Nature of the Matters in Issue

Plaintiff Donald Parkell ("Plaintiff") brought this lawsuit on April 8, 2014 against three officials from the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center—Food Services Administrator Christopher Senato ("Senato"), Chaplain Frank Pennell ("Pennell") and Inmate Grievance Coordinator Matthew Dutton ("Dutton")—alleging that they denied him equal protection of the law and violated his rights protected by the First Amendment and RLUIPA by failing to timely provide him with a kosher diet. This Court granted Defendants' motion for summary judgment and dismissed Plaintiff's claims. However, in an opinion dated July 11, 2017, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals vacated the portion of this Court's order affording defendants Senato and Pennell qualified immunity on Plaintiff's First Amendment claim. The Third Circuit did not reinstate Dutton as a defendant in this action.

Progress of Discovery

The parties have engaged in discovery, which closed on May 31, 2018. Pursuant to the Court's Scheduling Order dated February 14, 2018 (D.I. 81), the parties intend to file dispositive motions on or before June 11, 2018.

Alternative Dispute Resolution

The parties held a conference call with Magistrate Judge Burke on April 16, 2018 to discuss alternative dispute resolution. Defendants stated that they did not wish to participate in mediation until, if at all, after a decision had been rendered on dispositive motions.

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